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Dear Pastor Kelley and Friends at WJBC,

At Chinese Tabernacle Baptist Church last year, 2018, our theme was "**GOD IS ABLE**". In February God made it possible for Joyce and me to celebrate our 47th year as missionaries. In July we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Our church here sent us to Taiwan to see our old friends and churches. We had not been back in 23 years. When we left Taiwan in 1989, we had faith that **God is able** to meet their need without us. It was a wonderful trip. We had a wonderful reunion with members and former members who were still in the area and a few who came up from the south to see us. It was really great seeing them again and learning about their physical and spiritual growth. **God is able!**

We met Chow MaMa, the widow of Pastor Peter Chow, and John, her son. John is now pastoring His father's church. We also met with the widow of Pastor David Liu and her daughter and son. It was a pleasant surprise when her son, Eric, who has a promising career at a large bank, declared he has decided to study for the ministry. We had the privilege to meet with seven of our young people who had surrendered to God's will for their lives before we left Taiwan. They have grown up and been called into full time Christian work. Praise the Lord, **God is able** to call a new generation of pastors to start churches and fill empty pulpits!

An unexpected blessing was meeting a lady who was one of the polio kids we used to pick up and bring to church. She spent two years at the polio hospital and underwent several surgeries to lengthen her short leg. During that time, she got

saved. She is now a strong Christian lady. We praise God that **He is able** to let us see fruit we were unaware of.

"GOD IS ABLE" was an appropriate theme for CTBC because something happened that demanded that we earnestly rely on God. Our church choir director/church secretary had been having some physical problems. Things seemed to be better. Then in February, to the shock of everyone, she passed away suddenly. Elena established our church choir in Taiwan and then did the same thing here. She was very dear to us and loved by everyone. This had a big affect on all of us, especially the choir. **God was able** to get us through the funeral and then the Easter Cantata with a reluctant substitute choir director. It has now been almost a year, and God has shown us that **He was able** to give our once reluctant substitute choir leader courage to continue leading the choir. She is faithfully obeying the Lord's plan for her life and growing in confidence and ability.

This year, 2019, our theme is **"TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"**. In Matthew 14, Peter walked on the water when he kept his eyes on Jesus. We have some needs that are humanly impossible, but **God is able**, so we are going to keep our eyes on Jesus.

Last week; Joyce and I visited a lady who has been coming to church for several months. We went through the plan of salvation with her and she **turned her eyes upon Jesus** and accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior. At the end of the visit, she gathered all the Buddhist materials she had in her apartment and escorted us to the dumpster to see them thrown in.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your ministry. Your prayer and financial support are so appreciated! God richly bless you.

Yours for Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred & Joyce".

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